

#3 Pre-Amendment  
D. Townsend  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Grubbs, et al.  
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith  
For: Acceleration Conveyor  
Group Art Unit: 3651  
Attorney's Docket No. N-8076  
Customer No. 23456

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

To The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and comments are submitted prior to any  
office action on the above referenced application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

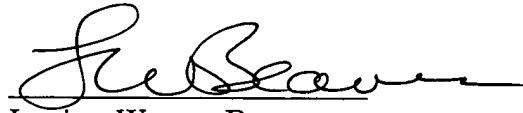
At page 1, prior to line 3, insert the following paragraph:

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This application is a divisional of our pending  
U.S. Application Serial No. 09/302,707 titled  
"ACCELERATION CONVEYOR", filed April 29,  
1999.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-15 and 33-58 prior to taking any action on this  
application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Beavers', written over a horizontal line.

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